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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

KENDLETON, TEXAS, October 1, 2005 - USDA Rural Development invites the public to attend an informational seminar on programs available to rural communities. USDA Rural Development representatives will be at the Powell Point Elementary School Auditorium, 2601 FM 2919 in Kendleton, on Saturday, October 1, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Information will be presented on the various housing, community and business development opportunities for rural communities.

"This is an opportunity to bring information about USDA Rural Development programs directly to the citizens in their rural areas," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Representatives will be available to answer individual questions and assist applicants with their applications."

USDA Rural Development's housing programs offer loans and grants to applicants in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home.

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers and fund new and improved water and wastewater facilities.

USDA Rural Development's business and cooperative programs provide the needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community lenders. There is no minimum loan size and the maximum loan size is up to \$25 million.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and with a mission to use our resources to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Angleton office at (979) 849-5251, Ext. 4 or visit our website at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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